

LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL



Latex paint and other latex products are NOT household hazardous materials. You can dispose of them in your regular trash after drying them properly.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Open can with leftover paint in a well-ventilated area.**
- 2. Place kitty litter in paint**
- 3. Stir occasionally with paint stick.**
- 4. Sit back and watch (optional), or attend to another task while the paint dries.**



Questions? Call 515.433.0591.

Waste Paint

What are oil-based or alkyd paints, stains and varnishes?

These products contain hazardous solvents that are used to keep the paint in a liquid state. They may also contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium. The containers usually say they are “combustible”, and should be cleaned up with mineral spirits or paint thinner. Oil-based paint products are classified as hazardous because they are ignitable and contain harmful, toxic chemicals.

What can I do with unwanted oil-based paints, stains and varnishes?

If oil-based products cannot be used or given away, bring them to Metro Waste Authority’s Regional Collection Center (1-888-603-2739) or to a Household Hazardous Waste clean up event for proper disposal.

Alternatives:

Try Latex Instead: Latex paint, stains, and varnishes provide a safer alternative to oil-based products.

Waste Reduction Tip: Store paint properly. Keep in a dry area and place lid on tightly to keep air out. Properly handled, oil-based paint has a shelf life of almost 15 years!